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HOUSE RECEIVES DISTRICT BUDGET FOR COMING YEAR

Cut of Over Four Millions in Commissioners' Figures.

\$9,436,289.35 THE TOTAL SILVERSTEIN IS RECOVERING

Big Paring in Estimates for Educa- Impossible for the Police to Prove tional System.

THE IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS

Provisions for Better Fire Protection in the Public Schools-Contracts for Gas and Electricity.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill for 1909 was reported to the House of Representatives today from the appropriations committee by Representative Gardner of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Gardner, Madden, Vreeland, Burleson

The total amount recommended for appropriation by the subcommittee is \$9,-436,289.35, which is \$4,230,977 less than the estimates submitted by the Commissioners and \$873,043.28 less than the total appropriations for the District for the current fiscal year.

Water Department.

revenues—the sum of \$125,160, a reduction of \$8,103, is recommended. It is estimated that the water revenues available for the fiscal year 1909 will amount to \$520,000, but it is provided in this bill, as in the last seventeen appropriation bills, that the surplus of these revenues over the appropriations shall be applied to the work of extending the high-service water distribution system. The estimated ultimate cost of this system is about \$5,600 .-000, which includes \$1,200,000 for the complete installation of meters in private premises. Up to date \$3,363,956 has been expended in extending the high-service

According to the subcommittee's report the total general revenues of the District for the fiscal year 1909 will amount to about \$5,911,030, while the District's hare of the appropriations recommended in this bill will aggregate \$4,718.144.67. the total amount recommended by the committee being \$9,436,289.35, exclusive of the water department. Including some additional amounts carried in other bills, the total charge against the District timated revenues. Under the law this surplus must be used to reimburse the general government for sums advanced to the District, it having been provided that the repayments should extend for five years, beginning July 1, 1908.

Legislative Limitations,

In the District bill are a number of important and interesting legislative limitations on appropriations. They will be referred to in detail in their proper place in the general discussion of the bill. Several are of particular interest. One provides that all per diem employes of the District government may be granted leave with pay on Labor day. Another authorizes the Commissioners to install fire an paratus in the suburbs of the District for the use of volunteer organizations.

The limitation of most importance provides that all school buildings in the District shall have all exits with doors opening outward, and further that all exits in all school buildings shall be unlocked each school day from one-half hour before until one-half hour after school hours. Janitors who violate this provision are to be summarily removed. Another significant limitation forbids the Commissioners to enter into contracts for lighting streets by gas or electricity

for a period of more than one year. Cut Estimate in Half.

The comparative statement showing the appropriations for 1908, the estimates for 1909 and the amounts recommended by the committee gives an excellent idea of the manner in which the bill was pared cases of riot or disorder. to the core. For instance, the appropriation for the executive office last year was \$104,519; for this year \$111,828 was asked and only \$100,764 recommended. Of the \$60,835 asked for the care of the District building \$31,240 is recommended.

An apparently astonishing and incomprehensible drop in the contingent and miscellaneous appropriation from \$678,090 to \$71,662 is explained in part by the omission of a \$500,000 item for the completion of the District building, which is of course not needed this year. Of the \$61,700 asked for work

certain specified streets only \$33,700 is allowed, and the appropriation for county reads construction is cut from \$147,400 in the present law and \$150,000 asked to \$83,900. The committee turned down absolutely the request for the sum of \$5,600 for replacing the sidewalks around the Treasury building, and cut the item of repairs to county roads from \$110,000 in the current law and \$125,000 asked to \$100,000. \$10,000 with which to employ special counsel to determine ownership of land on the Anacostia river is also refused. Under the heading "improvements and repairs," embracing the foregoing items, the committee recommends \$985,800, although \$1,239,900 was asked and \$1,146,400 is in

the present law. Sewer Requests Hacked.

The sewer estimates are cut to the bone. Requests for \$40,000 for sewage disposal dikes, \$75,000 for the Rock creek sewer. \$22,000 for the Stickfoot branch sewer. \$29,475 for the North Carolina Heights truck sewer and \$31,875 for the 4th street southeast relief sewer were all refused by the committee. The cut in this de-

The committee also got very busy under A feature of the test will be the firing the heading "streets." The recommenda- at the vessel of a Whitehead torpedo, tion of the Commissioners for an appro-priation of \$186,000 for the purchase of sel in one of her vital parts and thus playground sites is absolutely ignored, as demonstrate in a practical way just how are requests for appropriations of \$5,000 much damage might result from this for drilling and maintaining wells, \$5,000 method of warfare attack. The general for grading and improving Rosedale site expectation is that the test will take place and \$94,500 for the construction of bath- in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, where houses and purchase of sites. The cut there is plenty of sea room. It is probunder "streets" is from \$543,540 in the able that the monitor Arkansas may be current law and \$904,090 asked to \$491,395 utilized as the attacking vessel.

Washington Aqueduct.

The electrical department fared not so hadly. The sum of \$450,995 is carried in

asked for \$468,045, while \$446,647 is recom-

Under the "Washington Aqueduct," the committee refused requests of the (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

BERKMAN ISARRESTED

Endeavor to Connect Anarchist With Bomb-Thrower.

CRIME OF UNION SQUARE

Commissioner Bingham Will Deal Sternly With Rioters.

His Acquaintance With Henry Frick's Assailant.

NEW YORK, March 30.-Alexander Berkman, the anarchist leader, who served a long term in prison for an attempt to assassinate Henry C. Frick, was arrested by the police here today. He will be taken to Bellevue Hospital this afternoon and confronted with Selig Silversteln, the man who is charged with having thrown the bomb at the Union Square meeting last Saturday. The police say that when the two men are brought together at the hospital they will be questioned closely and an effort will be made to learn whether they have anything in

Had Berkman's Card.

The detention of Berkman by the police was brought about through the finding in Silverstein's rooms in Brooklyn of a card bearing Berkman's name. This card, which was made out in Silverstein's name, For the water department-the total certified to his membership in the "Anamount being payable from the water archist Federation Union." It bore the ignature "Alexander Berkman." police say that Berkman, when shown the signature at police headquarters today, acknowledged that it was his. When he was sought out by newspaper men after the tragedy of Saturday and told that his signature had been found in Silverstein's home he denied acquaintance with the wounded man and said that if it were true that the signature had been found it undoubtedly was attached to some formal letter with reference to a request that he deliver an address before some society He said that many requests of this kind come to him and that frequently they are made by persons unknown to him.

Wounded Man Better.

Silverstein, who was frightfully injured by the explosion of the bomb Saturday, was reported to have made considerable progress toward recovery today. The physicians at Bellueve said that unless some unfavorable development comes evenues in 1909 will not exceed \$4,900,- they believe he may recover. He is being 293.46, or \$1.010,736.54 less than the es- closely guarded in the prison ward at the

hospital. Two detectives were said today to have city in the northern part of this state group who fled from this city after the omb explosion on Saturday. Detectives haunts of anarchists in Paterson, N. J., and it is reported that the police departments of Chicago, Denver, New Orleans Korean government will give them 50,000 and San Francisco have been asked to cooperate with the New York police in their efforts to discover any accomplice of Sil-

Police Are Baffled.

Berkman's visit to the hospital where he vas confronted with Silverstein failed to bring any show of recognition on the part at the same time watching the wounded which might indicate recognition of Berkman's voice. Nothing of this kind occurred, however, and when Berkman declared positively that he never had seen Silverstein before, there was nothing to do but take him back to police headquar-

Police Commissioner Bingham in speaking today of the disorders growing out of tention to deal with an iron hand in all brother.

Warning to Hunter.

"I have received no complaint of brutality on the part of the police," said the commissioner when he was asked if any omplaints of that nature had reached "The police were not brutal. They

He was told that Robert Hunter, the socialist leader who had intended to address the meeting on Saturday, had complained in a published statement that the police had used him in a brutal manner. "Mr. Robert Hunter wants to behave himself," was the commissioner's reply, and if he does not behave himself he sity, at the corner of 17th and B streets. will be sorry for it.

Berkman Is Released.

When Berkman was arraigned before Magistrate Droege in the Jefferson mar- John Barrett, and the architects, Kelsey ket police court, a detective asked that he The request for an appropriation of be held forty-eight hours on an affidavit today awarded to Norcross Brothers of which made no specific complaint against tion the three important points of time, nim. The magistrate said he would hold material and cost, their bid was the low Berkman only if the detective had some est of the twelve. Work will begin at definite charge to make, and as he had once, and it is now planned to lay the none Berkman was paroled on his own corner stone with appropriate ceremonies promise to appear again if desired.

MONITOR AS A TARGET.

Firing Test With Twelve-Inch Guns in Hampton Roads.

Within a short period, probably inside of one week, the firing test by twelveinch guns at the turret of the monitor Florida will be held, Conditions "as nearly as possible approaching actual warfare" are to mark this undertaking, from law and \$515,008 asked to \$271,000 recom- which the Navy Department hopes to ob- on the table for a few minutes the United States consuls to pay higher rent tain valuable results.

Race Riot in Chicago.

Special Dispatch to The Star. CHICAGO, March 30 .- One man was Gen. Smith of the Philippines, saying that the current bill, and the Commissioners probably fatally stabbed and three others Mr. Murray Rush of Philadelphia, Pa., severely cut during a race riot of foreign- who was visiting the Philippines, died at ing gradual inroads upon his reserve viers here today The injured men are of Manila the 24th instant. Mr. Rush was tality. The bulletin issued this morning different nationalities, and the quarrel a member of the distinguished Rush says: "The prime minister had a quiet that resulted in the stabbing affray foi- family, his great-grandfather being one day yesterday and a fairly good night. lowed a discussion of the merits of the of the signers of the Declaration of Inde- He continues weak, but there is no respective countries.



POSTHUMOUS DECORATION AND MONEY TO FAMILY.

Japan Will Contribute \$75,000 and Korea \$25,000 Mare as a National Tribute.

TOKIO, March 30 .- The emperor has bestowed upon the late Durham White Stevens, who was assassinated in San Francisco by a Korean, the decoration of to search for members of an anarchist the Grand Rising Sun, the highest order in Japan. The Japanese government will are also reported to be searching for the give 150,000 yen (about \$75,000) to the family of the murdered diplomat and the yen, in all about \$100,000.

Miss Stevens in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.-With a body guard of detectives Miss K. B. Stevens, sister of D. W. Stevens, the Korean cabinet adviser who was assassiare sightless and covered with bandages train at the Oakland Mole, and during her two detectives engaged Berkman in a brief stay in this city armed guards will spirited conversation in Yiddish as the watch her to prevent the slightest chance the scaffolding of the new Manhattan any district as legal under the call. of her encountering the terrible fate of trio stood by the side of Silverstein's cot her brother. Miss Stevens left Washington the moment she heard of her brother's a distant relative. Upon her arrival in Oakland she was

met by Chozo Koike, Japanese consul general of San Francisco, and two armed men to act as a body guard. Upon her arrival on his side of the bay she was driven to her hotel on Sutter street in a closed carriage. After dining the Japanese consul took her at once to

CONTRACT IS AWARDED. Bids Received for American Republics Building.

Bids were received Friday afternoon at the international bureau of the American republics from twelve representative building firms of the United States for the construction of its new building, for which Mr. Andrew Carnegie contributed

\$750,000, and which is to be erected on the site known as Van Ness Park, formerly selected for George Washington Univer-After careful consideration of all of the bids by Secretary Root, chairman of the governing board of the bureau; Director & Cret of Philadelphia, the contract was Worcester, Mass. Taking into considera- don brass works.

in May, before the adjournment of Con-

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE. Aldrich Currency Bill Received by the House.

of the Senate immediately after the House current appropriation for this purpose. met. For the time being it was allowed committee on banking and currency. Soon after the bill was referred Chair-

man Fowler of the committee on banking and currency said that he had called a meeting for Wednesday, "and," said Mr. Fowler, "the bill will be treated with all the respect that is due to a measure coming from so great and distinguished a legislative body as the United States Sen-

Murray Rush Dies at Manila.

A cable message was received at the War Department this morning from Gov.

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT BY THE

Loss of \$150,000 and Several People Injured.

HOSE BROKE FROM MEN

THE BLOCKADE.

A Number Seriously Hurt Before It Was Recaptured.

WINDOW PANES BLOWN OUT

Disastrous Blaze in Boston Accom panied by Explosions-Firms Out of Business.

bridge. Of the loss \$100,000 falls upon the Joy line and \$50,000 upon the Terry & on the new Manhattan bridge. The fire started under the flooring of the pier and,

the heavy timber, made rapid headway. A high-pressure hose which broke away from two firemen while they were attempting to direct a stream under the blazing Saturday's meeting of unemployed, said Gray's undertaking parlors, where she pier injured several men before it was he wanted it understood that it is his in- viewed the remains of her murdered brought under control. Several of the men required attention from an ambulance surgeon.

Hot Air Explosions.

BOSTON, March 30.-Hot-air explosions from windows and doors in the faces of firemen mounting ladders caused injuries to ten at a fire in the large seven-story brick building on Atlantic avenue and Purchase street early today which caused a damage estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. None of the firemen is believed to have been injured seriously, firms carrying much inflammable material | ing from 84 to 126 during the past week

Among the firms in the building were the Chandler & Farquar Co., A. C. Kot-Clark Machine Company, all machinists' supply dealers; A. M. Thayer & Co., Keystone Blue Company, Colonial Paint and Oil Company, paint dealers, and the Hodg-

DIPLOMATIC BILL REPORTED. Than Formerly.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying \$3,520,283, for the ex- preparing a bill requiring all sea-going penses of the diplomatic and consular American vessels to carry a landing deservice for the next fiscal year, was re- vice, consisting of a self-anchoring line ported to the House today from the com- carried by a projectile, and a means for that they noted an improvement in his The Aldrich financial bill reached the mittee on foreign affairs. The sum men- projecting it. With such a device, it is House today. It was presented by a clerk tioned is an increase of \$356,130 over the asserted, crew and passengers could be

An important change of law in the bill to lie on the Speaker's table. After lying is contained in the paragraph allowing Speaker took it up and referred it to the for their quarters than has heretofore been the case. The bill increases the percentage to 30 per cent, the committee being convinced that something must better appearance abroad. To enable the departments of the government to have exhibits in the interna-

be held here next fall, the bill carries No Change in British Premier.

LONDON, March 30.-The condition of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman shows no marked change for the worse today, but the dlabetes, which apparently is in its incurable form, is makmarked change in his condition."

"ALLIES." Claimed That of 262 Delegates

Elected to Chicago Convention Only 130 Are for Secretary.

"The allies" are giving out statements to the press contradicting the confident Bill Amending the Police Act Passed claims of the Taft press boomers. The first handout came last night and is as

"During the past week forty-six delefrom the fifth Virginia district (lily white faction) and second Kansas district.

"While the delegates from the fifth Virginia and some other southern districts of the two men. As Silverstein's eyes when she stepped off the Overland limited injury of several firemen and caused a committee in convention will recognize loss of \$150,000, and for a time seriously delegates elected through the exclusion of threatened the steamer Edgement and the great bulk of the republican votes in

> "Cannon secured sixteen delegates from his own state, including the four deledeath, accompanied by Joseph I. Porter, Tench Co., contractors, whio are at work gates at-large. Of the uninstructed delegates chosen two are from the eighth Michigan district: two each from the secand third and fourth Tennessee and eighth fed by the coating of pitch which covered Mississippi. The four delegates-at-large selected by the regular republican conventhe effort made in every convention to secure Taft instructions, the significance of uninstructed delegates is that they are almost uniformly unfavorable to Secretary Taft's candidacy.

"It is insisted that there is no reasonable basis for the claim put out by the managers of Secretary Taft's campaign that there have been already selected 40 per cent of the number of Taft delegates necessaary to his nomination. The extravagance of this claim is shown by the fact the part of this government. that it involves the classification as Tait delegates of all contested and uninstructed delegates so far chosen, but a half dozen out of the total of seventy-five.

"Two hundred and sixty-two delegates have been chosen and distributed as follows: Taft, 130; Fairbanks, 26; Foraker, 2; Cannon, 22; uninstructed, 32; contested however. The building was occupied by 42; the showing of the opposition increas. in stock, such as paint and oils, glue and The results justify the prediction made last week that the Taft campaign has reaached a period of greatest momentum and that the end of the coming month will ten. Pitkin Supply Company and the Hill- find the opposition far in the lead. It is now believed by representatives of the opposition that their estimates of a possible 350 votes for Secretary Taft in the Chicago convention should be considerably

For Use in Shipwrecks.

Consuls Allowed to Pay Higher Rent | wrecks on the coast, under circumstances | vention in Chicago June 16 will go unwhen aid cannot be given by crews of life-saving stations, Secretary Straus is landed safely, even in fogs and storms which preclude aid from the life savers on the coast.

Incendiary Fire Near Hagerstown. Special Dispatch to The Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 30.-Fire be done to allow the consuls to make a here in the past week, late last night that vessel ran aground Saturday while assign good cause, and if the administrational congress on tuberculosis, which will about \$7,000. The barn was set on fire at two places and in such a way that it The officers are convinced that a fire fiend is at work here. It is believed arrests

No Change in Guild's Condition.

BOSTON, March 30.-A bulletin issued from the statehouse at 9 a.m. stated that there had been no marked change in Gov. Guild's condition during, the pre- ton the end of last week and will not ceding twenty-four hours

BRYAN MEETS HARMON GILLETTE IS DEAD

Both Will Attend Democratic Club Dinner Tonight.

BANQUET IN KANSAS CITY

Many Will Go Long Distances to Be SLAYER OF "BILLY" BROWN Present.

WAS IN ST. LOUIS TODAY

It Is Now Understood That Augustus Thomas Will Second the

Nebraskan's Nomination.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 30 .- Hundreds of democrats from Missouri, Kansas and other nearby states are here to attend the dollar dinner to be given in Convention Hall tonight by the Young Men's Democratio Club. William J. Bryan and Judson Harmon will be the guests of honor, and it will be a mammoth affair. Eighteen hundred persons will occupy the seats at the banquet tables arranged on the arena floor where in 1900 the democratic national convention nominated Mr. Bryan for their standard bearer. In the galleries, which will be thrown open to the public after the speaking has

Mr. Bryan will come to Kansas City from Evansville, Ind., and is not expected to reach here until 5:30 this afternoon one hour before the time set for the serving of the dinner. Mr. Harmon, to-gether with a host of prominent demo-crats, arrived this morning from Cincin-

begun, it is expected there will be 10,000

Bryan in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 30 .- W. J. Bryan, who will tonight deliver a speech at the of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Kansas City, arrived this morning from the southeast, and after breakfast at the Union station departed for Kansas City in company with Edward P. MacIlravy, that the charge of which he Goltra and others in Mr. Goltra's private stood convicted was true. He killed Grace

Thomas Gets Bryan Proxy. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., March 30 .-

Augustus Thomas, playwright and friend of William Jennings Bryan, was anxious to go to the democratic national conven- lationship to Chester Gillette was privition at Denver and vote for the Nebras- leged, we do not deem * wise to make a kan, but local political powers told him he could not be a delegate if that were Hearing of his disappointment, Mr.

Thomas' friends in Missouri made arrangements so that he may hold the proxy of a delegate from that state, and is now announced here that he will second the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

INJURIES TO FIREMEN.

by the Senate. amends the Metropolitan police act for gates to the republican national conven- this city. It adds to the act the provition were elected. Of these four were sion that hereafter when any member instructed for Taft, sixteen for Cannon, of the fire department of the District in alty for his crime. twelve are uninstructed and fourteen are the actual discharge of his duty shall contested. Taft's instructed delegates are become so disabled by injury as to require medical or surgical services other board of police and fire surgeons, the expense thereof may be paid from the fire-NEW YORK, March 30.-Fire on the selected on a lily white basis are as yet men's pension fund, upon recommendation Joy line pier in the East river and an uncontested, it remains to be determined of the chief engineer of the department. nated last week, was met last evening adjoining pier early today resulted in the whether or not the republican national approved by the Commissioners, and accompanied by a certificate of a member

of the board of fire surgeons. CLEARLY AN INADVERTENCE.

Investigation of Opening of American Mail Pouch at La Guaira. An investigation of the affair of the

United States mail pouch at La Guaira intended for the officers of the gunboat Tacoma at that port has satisfied the that the physicians were making the extion are uninstructed, as are the eight authorities at Washington that the open-delegates from Rhode Island. In view of ing of the pouch by the Venezueian ing of the pouch by the Venezueian postal authorities was an inadvertence due to silence. the lack of distinction in the seals. It was clearly shown that no attempt was made to tamper with the inclosed mail. and that the pouch and contents were delivered to their proper recipients as soon as the mistake was discovered. According to Secretary Root the affair is a closed incident, and calls for no action on

CHAIRMAN HOUK HERE. Describes the Recent Convention at Nashville.

John C. Houk of Knoxville, the new chairman of the republican state committee of Tennessee, was at the Capitol today, and to many of his old colleagues in the House he graphically described the scene that made the recent republican convention at Nashville the stormiest in the history of the party. Mr. Houk, who is identified with the Brownlow wing Herrick on his right and Rev. McIlravy of the republican party of Tennessee, was on his left. It was 6.12:35 when the litelected chairman of the state committee the party entered the chamber and the to succeed Newell Sanders, who belongs work of strapping the man in the chair to the Evans faction. The delegates from On account of the great loss of life in Tennessee to the republican national con- off at 6:15:06. Immediately after Dr.

> Senator Penrose's Improvement. PHILADELPHIA, March 30.-The physicians attending United States Senator Penrose, who is seriously ill, said today condition. The senator passed a comfortable night. This is the most encouraging statement made by the physicians in ten

The Takoma Runs Aground.

A dispatch has been received at the Navy Department from Commander John of incendiary origin, the third of the kind | Hood of the cruiser Tacoma stating that | no right to grant reprieves unless he can destroyed the large barn of Jacob Eshel- entering the harbor of Willemstad, Island man, near Hagerstown. Six valuable of Curacao, just off the coast of Venehorses, five cows and other valuable live zuela. The vessel was soon pulled off, case. stock perished. The loss will amount to and it was found that she sustained slight damage to her rudder. The Tacoma has quate which falls to take account of the been cruising between Curacao and Lawas impossible to save the live stock, guaira for the purpose of carrying dis- and the character of its injuries, the overpatches from Minister Russell to the sta- turned boat with Grace Brown's cape on tion at Willemstad. The Tacoma has top of it, the disposition of the tennis will be made within the next twenty-four been ordered to leave Willemstad for the racquet, the conduct of the prisoner pre-Norfolk navy yard for repairs.

Personal Mention.

A. T. Stuart, superintendent of public days at Atlantic City. He left Washingreturn to his office until Wednesday.

FOR GIRL'S MURDER

Weather.

Partly cloudy tonight. To-

morrow rain.

Electrocuted at Auburn Prison This Morning.

Ministers Admit That He Made a Confession.

STORY OF THE BRUTAL CRIME

His Sweetheart's Love Letters Stand

Almost as a Classic in Their Artless Simplicity. Story of Gillette Case

Told in Thirteen Lines. Chester Gillette, born 1884.
Grace ("Billy") Brown, born 1888.
They first met in 1904.
Deceived her in March, 1906.
Murdered her July 11, 1906.
Arrested July 14, 1906.
Indicted August 31, 1906.
Trial began November 12, 1906.
Found guilty December 4, 1906.
Trial cost Herkimer county \$17,000.
New trial refused February 18, 1908.
Respite refused March 29, 1908.
Gillette put to death today.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 30 .- Chester Gillette, murderer of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, whom he killed at Big Moose lake. in the Adirondacks, paid the penalty of death in the electric chair at Auburn

prison at eighteen minutes after 6 o'clock

this morning. Before he left his cell in the condemned room Gillette confessed to his spiritual advisers, the Rev. Cordello Herrick, chaplain of Auburn prison, and the Rev. Henry Brown and he admitted it before he went to his death. This information was given to the public in the following signed statement of the ministers: "Because our redetailed statement, and simply wish to say that no legal mistake was made in the

electrocution." The carrying out of the death sentence was remarkable in its celerity. Like a bolt of lightning, only one contact was necessary to carry the law's mandate into effect. This was of 1,800 volts, at seven and a half amperes. The current was held on for sixty-three seconds, and when it was turned off an immediate ex-A local bill passed by the senate this amination showed that life was extinct. afternoon originated in the House and "Gentlemen," Warden Benham said, "the physicians announce that the man is dead." Chester Gillette had paid the pen-

Not Much Solemnity.

Unmoved and without showing the faintest sign of emotion of any kind. than such as can be rendered by the Chester Gillette was put to death in Auburn this morning. The electrocution was the most successful that ever took place in the local prison. The man was declared dead by the officials at 6:18, but by the watches held by some of the newspaper reporters it was two minutes after that time when the warden said to the witnesses and attendants: "Gentlemen. the physicians announce that the man is

> The electrocution lacked much of the solemnity of former executions, and during most of the time, except for the brief space when the electric current was coursing through the man's body, there was a hum of voices in conversation. This grew so marked during the time amination of the body for life that the warden found it necessary to pound on the tile-covered floor of the chamber for

> The Rev. Henry McIlravy of Little Falls, who had been with Gillette, was so overcome at the electrocution that he was taken from the death chamber before the contact was turned off. Fearful that he would collapse, he

started for the door leading to the prison yard, keepers walking beside him. Witnesses assembled at the warden's office at 6 o'clock, and at 6:10 the march from the office down through the south wing of the prison to the death chamber was started, and at 6:11, when State Electrician Davis made his test of the machinery with the bank of lights, the witnesses had taken the seats assigned

Makes Final Statement.

The test being finished, the word was given and the door leading from the death cells was opened. Gillette walking firmly and looking neither to the right nor the left, came briskly along the row and into the chamber. On either side of him was a minister of the gospel, Chaplain was quickly over. The electric current was turned on at 6:14.03 and was switched Spitzka made an examination of the heart. Other heart examinations followed, and at 6:18 Warden Benham made the announcement that Gillette was dead. Gillette's confession of murder was supplemented by a written statement to "The Young Men of the Country," in which he said nothing about having killed his sweetheart, but dwelt on his religious

Gov. Hughes' Refusal.

ALBANY, March 30.-Gov. Hughes last evening came to the executive chamber and promulgated the decree which sealed Gillette's doom. In the course of the de-

"Whatever his power, the governor has tion of the law is to be respected, petitions made at the eleventh hour must show merit. I find none in the present

"No view of the unhappy event is ade-

proved facts, the events preceding Grace Brown's death, the condition of the body vious to the tragedy and subsequently. and the manner in which he sought to explain it when defending his life. If reason is to be our guide, and all the established facts are taken into considera-

schools, is spending a vacation of a few tion, there is no escape from the conclusion that a brutal murder was committeed, and that the conviction was just. After ex-(Continued on Ninth Page.)